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## Federal agents nab 47 with warrants in sweep

## Four agencies pool resources for weekend work

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Federal law enforcement agents spread out across the Miami Valley on Saturday, arresting 47 people wanted on various warrants, according to the U.S. Marshals Service.

"It's an opportunity for us to pool our resources," said Jack Hildebrand, deputy marshal and spokesman for the Columbus office.

There were about 130 fugitives with about 175 federal warrants across the region. Starting Saturday morning, marshals teamed up with Veterans Affairs Hospital police, U.S. Air Force security forces and FBI agents for "Operation Hook 'n Book," Hildebrand said.

The fugitives were wanted on warrants for offenses including driving under the influence, driving with a suspended license, firearms possession, marijuana possession, theft, carrying a concealed weapon, menacing and assault. Others were wanted for probation violations, Hildebrand said.

Some arrested also were served state and local warrants. Some firearms were seized, Hildebrand said.

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Those arrested were taken to hearings in U.S. District Court in Dayton, which was open Saturday to support the operation, Hildebrand said.

One person arrested told officials that when he received his traffic ticket at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, he was told the marshals would come get him if he did not appear for court. He said he did not believe the warning — until the marshals found him Saturday, Hildebrand said.

The operation is the first of several fugitive sweeps planned for the Southern District of Ohio in the coming months, Hildebrand said.

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